

To which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

"I thank you in My own name and in that of the Queen for your loyal and dutiful address and for the congratulations which you tender Us on the close of the war in South Africa.

"I heartily join in your expression of thankfulness to Almighty God at the termination of a struggle which, while it has entailed on My people at home and beyond the seas so many sacrifices, borne with admirable fortitude, has secured a result which will give increased unity and strength to My Empire. The cordial and spontaneous exertions of all parts of My dominions, as well as of your ancient and loyal city, have done much to bring about this happy result.

"You give fitting expression to the admiration universally felt for the valour and endurance of the Officers and men who have been engaged in fighting their country's battles. They have been opposed by a brave and determined people, and have had to encounter unexampled difficulties. These difficulties have been cheerfully overcome by steady and persistent effort, and those who were Our opponents will now, I rejoice to think, become Our friends.

"It is My earnest hope that, by mutual co-operation and goodwill, the bitter feelings of the past may speedily be replaced by ties of loyalty and friendship, and that an era of peace and prosperity may be in store for South Africa."

*Whitehall, July 18, 1902.*

The following Address was presented to His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on the 13th ultimo:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty. The dutiful and loyal Address of the Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Council of the Administrative County of London.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We, the Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the London County Council, desire to approach Your Majesty with heartfelt congratulations upon the cessation of hostilities in South Africa.

As the municipal authority of the capital of Your Majesty's Empire, we are closely concerned with the problems which belong to the conditions of continued peace, and we rejoice to think that the victory which has been gained by Your Majesty's brave and devoted Army, assisted so ably by the Navy, is to be followed by the introduction into the newly-acquired territory of those representative institutions which are the glory and mainstay of this great Empire.

We admire the gallantry of Our fellow countrymen and the many examples of chivalrous conduct which have been displayed on the field of battle; we are proud to recall the aid which the citizen soldiers of London, in conjunction with their comrades from the colonies, have rendered in the course of the long and arduous struggle, and we render also our tribute to those who have died and suffered for their country.

We feel, too, that the gallant foe exhibited qualities which they possess in common with our own countrymen, and we trust that the unity of political life which is to be the future of the hitherto divided peoples will call forth from the older unity of race all that is calculated to bring happiness and prosperity to this portion of the Empire.

We rejoice that Your Majesty in reigning over an Empire now at peace is relieved from the anxiety and stress which have saddened the commencement of Your Majesty's rule, and we hope

and pray that the rest of Your Majesty's reign may be marked by the happiness and progress which alone can flourish under conditions of peace. We wish most humbly and devotedly to express the pleasure it has given us to once more approach Your Majesty in an expression of thankfulness for Your Majesty's devotion to the welfare of Your people, and to testify to our entire loyalty and affection for Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen.

JOHN McDOUGALL, Chairman of the Council.

(Countersigned) G. L. GOMME, Clerk of the Council.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

"I thank you for your Address and for your expressions of loyalty and affection towards Myself and the Queen.

"I rejoice with you at the thought that the victory which has crowned the perseverance and bravery of My Forces will pave the way for the extension to the regions newly added to My Empire of that system of Government which will, with God's blessing, bring to South Africa the peace and prosperity that have in every quarter of the globe followed its establishment.

"The readiness with which My subjects throughout the Empire have borne their part in the arduous campaign now happily at an end cannot fail to draw them still more closely together in bonds of loyalty and affection, and I confidently believe that the good feeling which is being displayed between those who were so recently opponents augurs well for the future of that vast country which has been added to the dominions of the Crown."

*Whitehall, July 15, 1902.*

The KING has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Charles John, Lord Colville of Culross, K.T., G.C.V.O., Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Colville of Culross, in the county of Perth.

*Whitehall, July 15, 1902.*

The KING has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom unto Victor Albert Francis Charles, Lord Churchill, K.C.V.O., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Churchill, of Rolleston, in the county of Leicester.

*Whitehall, July 15, 1902.*

The KING has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Alfred, Lord Milner, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Milner, of Saint James's, in the county of London, and of Cape Town, in the Cape Colony.